

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
OF THE UNITED STATES

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS )  
WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY PETITION ) PSC DOCKET NO. 678  
FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM RATE RELIEF )  
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**PUBLIC HEARING**

Before: KYE WALKER, ESQ., Hearing Examiner  
Date: October 21, 2019  
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Location: Virgin Islands Board of Education  
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Christiansted, Virgin Islands

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HEARING EXAMINER: So I know we issued a public notice regarding tonight's hearing to provide ratepayers the opportunity to testify and state their position on the record with regards to the base rate case. We have been here since before 5:30. We were scheduled to start at 5:30. We have not had any appearances from members of the public. So what I intend to do is close this proceeding at 6:30. That would have provided an hour for members of the public to arrive and give testimony.

What we have done for the public is prepared a general statement to provide an overview of how a base rate case works, what the role of the PSC is, what the role of the Hearing Examiner is, which is myself, and a summary of the relief that WAPA has requested in the base rate case. And that statement will be available at all three public hearings.

Although we haven't had any members of the public show up to testify this evening, of course they have the opportunity to the submit written testimony. I think the notice says until October 25th. So there is still an opportunity for members of the public in St. Croix to provide a written statement regarding their position, and that written statement will be made part of the record for

1 the base rate case and will be considered by myself when I  
2 prepare my report and recommendations to the PSC.

3 So we will wait, looks like four more minutes until  
4 6:30, see if we have any members of the public. If we have  
5 none, we will just close the proceeding at 6:30.

6 (Off the record.)

7 HEARING EXAMINER: It's 6:30. I think we can  
8 call it a night.

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10 (Time noted 6:30 p.m.)  
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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Yvonne Samuel-Setorie, Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that the above-named hearing was taken by me in machine shorthand and represents the official transcript of said hearing; and that said transcription is true and correct.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my hand.

  
YVONNE SAMUEL-SETORIE, RPR